



# TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2020

7:00 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to open the meeting.  
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

*Motion Passes*

Present: Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk  
Donald A. Bosworth, Member  
Keith Swanson, Superintendent  
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

### Kathleen Redding – 15 Doris Road

Kathleen Redding was in attendance along with her daughter Linda, boarder Mary Geraghty and neighbor Linda Arnold. The meter was replaced in this home in December of 2019. While updating the meter information the Administrative Assistant discovered a very high water usage of 461,000 gallons. The old meter was recovered and brought to tonight's meeting. The meter confirms the water usage reading.

Keith Swanson said there are written water records that show door knocker notifications to replace the meter have been left at the home since at least 2007. Ms. Redding verbally confirmed that she had received the notifications and forgot to respond to them though she meant to.

The water bills have been estimated since at least 2007. The estimate for the First Half 2020 bill will be over \$3,000 and is due to be issued in May of this year.

The homeowners feel that their bill has consistently high when compared with their neighbors. Keith explained that their usage is right on trend with current water use averages. Ms. Arnold asked why Ms. Redding couldn't be charged retroactively for usage based on the water rate at the time of use. Keith said there is really no way to determine what water was used during each year.

Dick Clark asked Ms. Redding to give the Board time to see what they can do since the bill hasn't been issued yet. The homeowners agreed and left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2019, as written.  
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

*Motion Passes*

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7: 25 p.m. Kathy O'Neil left the meeting to allow the Commissioners and Superintendent to discuss the upcoming union negotiations. Keith Swanson will take over taking the meeting minutes duties.

A Motion was made by Donald Bosworth to close the regular meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss union negotiations at 7:30 p.m. Second by Daniel Bosworth. Motion passes.

A Motion was made at 8:40 p.m. to close Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Second by Daniel Bosworth. Motion passes.

Adjournment

8:42 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.  
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

*Voted Unanimously*

Approved,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel Bosworth", written over a horizontal line.

**NOTE: NEXT MEETING DATE IS FEBRUARY 11, 2020**